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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

NEW CLASS OF SOVIET HYDROFOIL PATROL CRAFT (KOLPINO A)

Three units of a new class of hydrofoil patrol craft (NPIC Interim Designator Kolpino A) were seen under construction at Kolpino Shipyard Middle Neva, USSR, [REDACTED] Unit 1 was fitting-out along the quay (Figure 1) and units 2 and 3 were under construction on the open buildingways (Figure 2).

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These ships are [REDACTED] approximately the size of a TURYA hydrofoil submarine chaser (PCH). A large unidentified weapons position, [REDACTED] was seen on the bow area on the first unit. These dimensions are significantly larger than those of the twin 25mm antiaircraft gun on the TURYA PCH. A large unidentified housing, [REDACTED] was on the aft portion of all three units. This housing appears to be twin peaked and canted aft. The width of the forward edge is 8.1 meters and of the aft edge [REDACTED] A rounded possible electronics position was just aft of the housing.

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The superstructure differs from the TURYA PCH; the visible portion is T-shaped and [REDACTED] No torpedo tubes were apparent. Portions of hydrofoils were visible on two units.

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This is the third new class of hydrofoil patrol craft developed by the Soviet Union in less than two years. The SARANCHA PGH (PETR B) was first observed with hydrofoils [REDACTED] and the 497B was seen [REDACTED] The KOLPINO A is the only one of these combatants observed in series production.

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